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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This question paper consists of **8** pages.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in **Sections A** and **B**. Answer only **ONE** question from **Section C**.
3. Shade your answers for **Sections A (Question I & II)** in the OMR sheet, and answer **Section A (Question III)**, **Section B** and **Section C** in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: COHESIVE DEVICES & MODAL VERBS [40 MARKS]

Question I Cohesive Devices

Instructions: For questions 1 – 5, read the following excerpt and fill in the blanks with the **CORRECT** cohesive devices from the choices given below.

A. while	B. in general	C. such as	D. however	E. moreover

Getting a stroke can be like getting hit by lightning – it often seems to come out of nowhere and you'll never be the same again after it. **(1)** _____, getting a stroke is not as rare as being hit by lightning. According to the World Heart Federation, stroke is the second leading cause of death in those aged 60 and above worldwide, and the fifth leading cause of death in those aged 15 to 59 years old. **(2)** _____, it is also the second leading cause of disability globally, after dementia.

(3) _____, the scenario is equally gloomy in Malaysia with a study published last December in the Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases reporting that the incidence of ischaemic stroke in the country is estimated to increase annually by 29.5% and haemorrhagic stroke by 18.7%. An ischaemic stroke is caused by an obstruction

(4) _____ atherosclerosis or blood clots, in the blood vessels that supply the brain, causing a lack of oxygen supply, **(5)** _____ a haemorrhagic stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain ruptures and bleeds, or haemorrhages, internally.

Adapted from Tan Shiow Chin (June 26, 2016). Stroke can strike silently. Retrieved from http://www.star2.com/health/wellness/2016/06/26/stroke-can-strike-silently/

(5 marks)

Instructions: For questions 6 – 10, choose the **CORRECT** answer.

6. Which of the following signifies reinforcement?
   A. besides
   B. however
   C. as a result
   D. for instance

7. *Patricia needed to register for an elective subject this trimester; consequently, she enrolled in a foreign language class.*
   Which of the following can substitute the cohesive device used in the sentence above?
   A. because
   B. therefore
   C. because of
   D. alternatively

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whereas
alternatively
on the other hand

8. Which of the following type do the above cohesive devices belong to?
   A. deduction
   B. concession
   C. contrasting
   D. sequencing

9. Which of the following demonstrates the use of an **illustrating** cohesive device?
   A. Because the weather was bad, the outdoor activity had to be cancelled.
   B. Besides exercising, diet is also another important aspect to be taken care of.
   C. In short, procrastination is one of the main reasons why many people are unable to achieve their targets.
   D. There are many types of programme of studies, such as arts, information technology, languages, engineering and creative multimedia.

California may be one of the surfing world's spiritual centers, but one of the surfiest towns on the West Coast of North America is far to the north. In particular, Tofino is an old fur trading and logging town that just happens to sit in one of the prettiest spots on Vancouver Island. Moreover, Clayoquot Sound, compromised of nearly 350,000 hectares of land and ocean, is cool, misty, full of wildlife, and utterly spectacular. Although winters can be harsh, the spring and summer bring warmer air temperatures and almost nonstop markets, festivals, and cultural events.

Source: National Geographic Travel

10. The following types of cohesive devices are used in the excerpt above **EXCEPT** _____.
   A. contrast
   B. illustration
   C. emphasising
   D. cause and effect

Question II Modal verbs

Instructions: For questions 11 – 30, choose the **CORRECT** answer.

11. Henry regrets delaying his assignments. He has just received a warning letter from the dean of the faculty. He _____ avoided this because he had four weeks to work on it, but he didn't.
   A. must
   B. could
   C. must have
   D. could have

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12. Because of her father's influence, Felicia _____ play the cello very well when she was young. She has problems playing it now because she hasn't been practising it since she started working.
    A. can
    B. may
    C. could
    D. would

13. _____ you please pass the menu to me? I think I might get some desserts too.
    A. May
    B. Might
    C. Would
    D. Should

14. The participants of the reality TV show _____ give false information regarding their personal details. Otherwise, they will be disqualified.
    A. will not
    B. may not
    C. must not
    D. don't have to

15. Would you mind _____ down the volume of the player?
    A. I turning
    B. if I turned
    C. you turning
    D. if you turned

16. The campers _____ rush to their tents before the sky gets darker, or they will not be able to trace the actual route.
    A. should
    B. have to
    C. had better
    D. must have

17. A baby boy was drowned during his bath. His guardian _____ left the baby unattended.
    A. may not have
    B. must not have
    C. could not have
    D. should not have

18. Ken _____ submit his application forms to the Faculty of Arts last Tuesday, but he had forgotten.
    A. could have
    B. should have
    C. is supposed to
    D. was supposed to

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19. Tim didn't pick up a call from an unidentified number on his cell phone just now. He wonders who the caller was. It _____ a friend or a stranger.
    A. may be
    B. should be
    C. may have been
    D. should have been

20. Which of the following modal verbs are used to express **50% or less certainty**?
    I. can
    II. may
    III. could
    IV. might

    A. I & II
    B. II & III
    C. III & IV
    D. II, III & IV

21. Gerald _____ reported for his duty at the new department last week, but he didn't.
    A. may have
    B. must have
    C. ought to have
    D. was supposed to

22. Which of the following sentences shows the use of a modal verb which expresses **a past situation that no longer exists**?
    A. I used to live in the city because my parents worked there.
    B. When I was living abroad, I would take a stroll at the park every evening.
    C. I would buy an ice-cream from that convenient store when I passed by Scott Road.
    D. When I was in high school, I used to send text messages to my best friends and cousins.

23. Audrey knows that she has to prepare herself for the exam. She failed the same subject last trimester because she couldn't understand most of the questions. She must pass it this time so that she can graduate on time. To understand the subject better, she could talk to her lecturer, or she may also ask her classmates.

    The following types of modal verbs are used in the excerpt above **EXCEPT** _____.
    A. ability
    B. necessity
    C. possibility
    D. advisabilty

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24. *Wilson used to have stage fright. Whenever he was asked to talk in front of the class, he would fidget. Now, as a motivational trainer, he can speak freely in front of a large crowd.*
Based on the excerpt above, which of the following verbs shows **a repeated action in the past**?
A. can speak
B. was asked
C. used to have
D. would fidget

25. Which of the following is used to express **advisability and expectation**?
A. could
B. would
C. should
D. had better

26. *Doctors have to graduate from a medical school and pass special exams before they can practice medicine.*
Which of the following functions of modal verb is used in the sentence above?
A. certainty
B. necessity
C. suggestion
D. advisability

27. Which of the following modal verbs is not used in the past form?
A. could
B. would
C. used to
D. had better

28. *Zara didn't answer the call when Adam phoned her just now. She might have been taking a nap.*
Which of the following reflects the meaning of the sentence above?
A. Zara was taking a nap when Adam phoned her.
B. Zara must have been taking a nap when Adam phoned her.
C. Zara could have been taking a nap when Adam phoned her.
D. Zara should have been taking a nap when Adam phoned her.

29. Which of the following shows that the speaker is making a **logical conclusion**?
A. Sandra wasn't sick.
B. Sandra couldn't have been sick.
C. Sandra must not have been sick.
D. Sandra might not have been sick.

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30. The following modal verbs can be used to express **95%** and **100% certainty EXCEPT** _____.
A. will
B. would
C. must be
D. *be* going to

(20 marks)

Question III Modal verbs
Instructions: For questions 31 – 40, fill in the blanks with the modal verbs given in the box.

will	could	had to	have to	wouldn't
must	might	would	will not	should have

It was an emergency meeting of all of the firm's members. As we squeezed into the main boardroom, I **(31)** _____ tell that there was a serious problem. Old man Harding was the first to speak to the assembled mass. "I'm afraid I **(32)** _____ deliver some very bad news. Julian Mantle suffered a severe heart attack in court yesterday while he was arguing the Air Atlantic case. He is currently in the intensive care unit, but his physicians have informed me that his condition has now stabilized and he **(33)** _____ recover. However, Julian has made an important decision, one that I think you all **(34)** _____ know. He has decided to leave our family and to give up his law practice. He **(35)** _____ be returning to the firm."

I was shocked. I knew he was having his share of troubles, but I never thought he would quit. After all that we had been through, I thought he **(36)** _____ had the courtesy to tell me this personally. He **(37)** _____ even let me see him at the hospital. Every time I dropped by, the nurses had been instructed to tell me that he was sleeping and could not be disturbed. He even refused to take my telephone calls.

Maybe I reminded him of the life he wanted to forget. Who knows? I'll tell you one thing though. It hurt. That whole episode was just over three years ago. Because of this, Julian **(38)** _____ head off to India on some kind of an expedition. He told one of the partners that he wanted to simplify his life and that he "needed some answers", and hoped he **(39)** _____ find them in that mystical land. He had sold his mansion, his plane and his private island. He had even sold his Ferrari. "Julian Mantle as an Indian yogi," I thought. " I'm not sure, but I guess the Law **(40)** _____ work in the most mysterious of ways," As those three years passed, I changed from an overworked young lawyer to a jaded, somewhat cynical older lawyer. My wife Jenny and I had a family. Eventually, I began my own search for meaning. I think it was having kids that did it. They fundamentally changed the way I saw the world and my role in it.

Adapted from Sharma, R. S. (1999).The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari.

(10 marks)

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SECTION B: ACTIVE AND PASSIVE [40 MARKS]

Question I Active to Passive
Instructions: For questions 41 – 50, rewrite the active sentences into their passive forms.

	Active	Passive
E.g. :	**Ali kicked the ball.**	**The ball was kicked by Ali.**

Active

41. Have you completed your assignment?
42. The flood in that village may have killed hundreds of people.
43. My supervisor has sent me a congratulatory note for my promotion.
44. Someone was chasing the snatch thief on the street when I got there.
45. All passengers must wear their seat belts during take-off and landing.
46. If Adam contacts his school, the principal will not send the warning letter.
47. All drivers should register their cars with the Department of Motor Vehicle.
48. The tourists will have visited that famous theme park in Japan by next week.
49. The principal had forbidden students to smoke on the campus before he resigned.
50. The factory which was caught in fire will discontinue its production line temporarily.

(20 marks)

Question II Passive to Active
Instructions: For questions 51 – 60, rewrite the passive sentences into their active forms.

Passive

51. Rice is eaten by people in my country.
52. The journal articles will be published online next year.
53. If I had been informed, the report would have been completed.
54. "The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari" was written by Robin S. Sharma.
55. The employees had been informed of their loss of compensation by the boss himself.
56. The rumours about the celebrity's wedding is being spread by some netizens.
57. By next Monday, a new job opportunity will have been offered to Joyce by the multi-national company
58. Because the shopping mall was too crowded, the boy could have been kidnapped.
59. The first USB flash disk was invented by a Malaysian by the name of Pua Khein Seng.
60. Before the end of the trimester, the new Arts programme had been approved by the Academic Planning Committee and the Board of Directors.

(20 marks)

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SECTION C: COHESIVE DEVICES [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Choose **ONE (1)** topic and write an essay of 200 words using **seven** from the ten cohesive devices provided.

first of all	consequently	however	because	in addition
meanwhile	in short	moreover	for example	although

1. Three valuable lessons I learnt in school
2. Three reasons why teenagers should learn to be independent

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